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To: Assistant Director, ORE 23 May 1950

From: Chief, NIS Division, ORE

Subject: NIS Publications

Reference: Memorandum, Chief, COAPS, dated 15 May 1950,  
to Acting Executive, CIA, subject as above.

1. It appears that the purport of the above-cited reference is tacit admission by COAPS of the correctness of the ORE position as set forth in the memorandum of AD/ORE, 27 March 1950, to Chief, COAPS, Subject: "NIS Program - Curtailment of Scheduled Reproduction of Copies for Dissemination and Storage".

2. The meaning of Paragraph 6a is unclear. From the beginning, the Chiefs of the IAC Agencies have looked to their representatives on the NIS Committee to act as their spokesmen on matters pertaining to NIS dissemination requirements as well as all other NIS matters. The CIA representative on the NIS Committee, being concurrently Chief, D/NIS, is charged with the control of publication of the NIS and hence, must be constantly and currently familiar with over-all dissemination requirements. In short, policy control of dissemination of the NIS has always been considered, and logically so, a major function of the NIS Committee. The mechanics of dissemination, including the conduct of survey requirements, has always been the function of the dissemination components in the IAC Agencies and OCD in CIA.

3. To date, no survey of the NIS requirements of non-intelligence Government agencies has been made. Thus far, only the Department of Commerce has taken the initiative in requesting certain NIS elements and is receiving these elements. It is believed, however, that there may be other such agencies which have legitimate requirements for the NIS but are unaware of their existence. Hence, it is intended in the near future to have OCD conduct a requirements survey of the more important of these agencies. (NOTE: This matter was discussed by the NIS Committee on 9 May 1950.) The additional requirements determined by this survey will operate to reduce the reserve stock of unbound copies of NIS now on hand.

4. COAPS has already twice taken up the matter of reduction of NIS requirements directly with the IAC Agencies: once through agency members of COAPS and once by memorandum of the DCI dated 9 February 1950 to the

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Chiefs of Intelligence of the Agencies. It is felt that a reopening of the issue with the IAC Agencies would be inappropriate, since these Agencies have already made reply to the DCI that they are keeping the matter under continuing review.

5. There is no objection to resurvey by OCD of the requirements of other recipients of NIS, including the CIA. This survey will be requested by D/NIS at the same time as the survey of non-intelligence Agencies indicated in Paragraph 3 above.

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